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**Robinson & Cole LLP Shows Commitment to Community, Diversity, and Education  
at Special *Whipping Man* Reception at Hartford Stage**

**HARTFORD, CT** (March 22, 2012) – The law firm of Robinson & Cole recognized its commitment to diversity, education, and local community at a private reception prior to the Hartford Stage performance of Matthew Lopez’s *The Whipping Man* on March 7, 2012.

During the reception, Managing Partner John B. Lynch Jr. of Robinson & Cole presented a check for \$2,500 to Paul Holzer, executive director of Achieve Hartford!. An independent, nonprofit organization of business and community leaders, Achieve Hartford! focuses on student achievement and supporting effective and sustained school reform in the Hartford Public Schools. Eric D. Daniels, a partner at Robinson & Cole, is currently president of Achieve Hartford!’s Board of Directors. The R&C donation will help support the organization’s community engagement efforts.

Robinson & Cole, a longtime supporter of Hartford Stage, was also a production sponsor for *The Whipping Man*, which won the 2011 John Gassner Playwriting Award by the New York Outer Critics Circle. Set in Virginia in the aftermath of the Civil War, *The Whipping Man* is a compelling exploration of the pivotal themes of identity, freedom, violence, and racial discrimination that continue to plague Americans in contemporary society.



From left to right:

Michael Stotts, Managing Director, Hartford Stage Company; John B. Lynch Jr., Managing Partner, Robinson & Cole LLP; Paul Diego Holzer, Executive Director, Achieve Hartford!

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